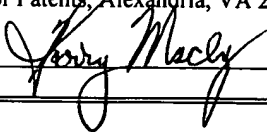


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The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

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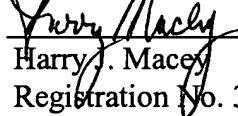
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- ☒ [X] A check in/including the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ [] Authorization to charge the * fee for the * to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 is provided on the Fee Transmittal. A duplicate copy of that document is enclosed for that purpose.
- ☐ [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. *.

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Respectfully submitted,

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